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Short Sketches of the Lives of Persons Who Have Recently Passed Away.

FRANK VAN CLEVE.

Mr. B. Frank Van Cleve, a native of Ayr township, this county, died at his home in Harris, Iowa, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of July 6, 1915, after an illness of only a week's duration.

Benjamin Franklin Van Cleve, a son of Benjamin and Susan Leshner Van Cleve, was born on the old Van Cleve farm in Ayr township, now known as the Walker Johnston farm, on the 23rd of August, 1836.

He grew to manhood in that community and at the age of twenty-six years enlisted in Co. C, 158th Regiment of Pennsylvania Vols., the 16th day of October, 1862, and served two years and nine months and was honorably discharged at the close of the war. On October 18th, 1865, he was married to Isabelle Hess, daughter of the late Jonathan Hess, and sister of Mrs. Lavinia Hill and Miss Lib V. Hess—both of Gettysburg.

To this union were born seven children. Six of them survive, Edgar Allen having died in infancy. The living are: George Hubert, near Wilmot, S. D.; Harry, of Cross Forks, Pa.; Mary, wife of Frank J. Boyd, Ocheyedan; Elizabeth, wife of F. C. Brewer, of El Paso, Ill.; Franklin Herman, of May City, Ia.; John Hess, of Harris, Ia.

In 1894 Mr. Van Cleve went from Pennsylvania to Tama county, Iowa. Two years later he moved to Harris, Iowa, and for almost eighteen years he was a highly respected resident of that community.

The many friends of Mrs. Van Cleve, residing in McConnellsburg and the Cove, extend their deepest sympathy to her in her bereavement.

The deceased was the seventh child of his father's family, the others being Elizabeth, who married George W. Smith at Cove Gap; David Hunter, dying at the age of 8 years; Abram L., who died but recently at his home in Washington, Pa.; John died in Iowa; George, drowned several years ago in Coon River, Iowa; William died in the West, and Miss Sue, the last surviving member of the family resides at Jersey Shore, Pa.

W. F. ENSLEY.

William F. Ensley died at his home, near Robinsonville, Bedford county, Friday, July 2, from the effects of injuries received when he fell from a wagon last April while spraying fruit trees.

In falling one of his ribs was fractured in such a manner as to puncture the lungs. Mr. Ensley was a son of the late Abram Ensley and was born at Emmaville in September 1845. He was united in marriage with a daughter of the late Timothy Hixson, who survives with the following children: Mrs. Ed. Foor, of Earlston; Mrs. Walter Glass, of Everett; Mrs. Cora Hixson, of Akersville; Ross, of Monroe township; Clad, of Six Mile Run; George and Vernon, at home. He is also survived by one brother, Albert Ensley, of Cumberland, Md., and two sisters, Mrs. J. E. Connelly, of Imler, and Mrs. Rebecca Footer, of Altoona. Funeral services were held on the following Monday with interment at Emmaville.

PROF. JOHN B. HOLLAND.

Prof. John B. Holland, son of "Captain" Holland, was born in a little old log house that until recently stood along side of the road leading from Clear Ridge to Fort Littleton, about a quarter of a mile from the former place, and he died at the home of his son Sheriff H. S. Holland in Hollidaysburg, June 24, 1915, aged 81 years, 5 months and 8 days. As a child he showed a fondness for books, and by the light of a pine-knot fire on the

Another Railroad Rumor.

The old, old story that the Pennsylvania railroad will extend the Susquehanna and Western railroad to Everett and Mt. Dallas has been revived by the presence of a gang of surveyors at work in the mountain west of New Germantown, Perry county. The road is finished from Duncannon to New Bloomfield and connects at that point with the road that runs to New Germantown. A tunnel was started many years ago to let the road go through from New Germantown into Path Valley and on to Fannettsburg, then to Burnt Cabins and Everett by way of the old South Penn grade across the northern end of Fulton county.

The most complete network in the State could be thus formed. The Tidewater railroad then could be extended a few miles from Blairs Mills to connect near Concord in Path Valley. The Cumberland Valley could be extended from Richmond Furnace to Fannettsburg and there connect. The Neelyton branch of the East Broadtop could extend but a few miles and connect at Burnt Cabins, the Broad Top would automatically be connected at Everett, and the McConnellsburg and Fort Loudon could then build northward a few miles and connect near Fort Littleton and in this way put McConnellsburg almost in the center of a position that would offer the choice of many routes. Let'er go boys.

Postmaster's Salary Changed.

A general readjustment of salaries of postmasters in the country took place July 1st. There were 103 increases of salaries, 102 decreases in the State of Pennsylvania. McConnellsburg was reduced from \$1,400 to \$1,300; Chambersburg, no change; Gettysburg, reduced \$2,700 to \$2,500; Everett and Bedford no change.

Salaries of third class postmasters are based on the amount of business done during the previous fiscal year, and as the amount of business depends on the patrons of the offices alone, the postmaster can do little to change matters one way or the other. The growth of business at our local office during the past few years has been wonderful if we take into consideration that the population tributary to this place has not increased to any extent during the last ten years. With the advent of a railroad, we may expect a rebound that will send the business of this office skyward. We sympathize with postmaster Lamberson for the loss of that handy hundred; but we think it will soon be restored.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kauffman and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Kauffman and two sons—all of Altoona, were an automobile party that spent the time from Sunday until Tuesday in the home of N. H. Roettger and family.

old hearthstone, he dug out the rudiments of an education, and at the age of sixteen, began to teach in the public schools. After having taught in this county, and in Huntingdon county, he "got" a school in Blair county, married a Blair county lady, and spent the remainder of his life in that county—practically all of it in the school work. He served two terms as County Superintendent of that county, and as has been said by his biographer, "he touched the sick body of our public school system, with the impulse of better methods and gave to the cause an impetus that placed the schools of Blair county among the first in the State."

Prof. Holland was the last surviving member of his father's family—one of his sisters, Mrs. Joseph B. Stevens, of Taylor township, and one, Mrs. Henry Rowe, of Wells, died several years ago. He was buried at Newry.

New High School Principal.

At a meeting of the Borough school board a few evenings ago, Easton F. Fox, of Hagerstown, Md., was elected principal of the High School at a salary of \$75 a month. This completes the corps of teachers for the ensuing year at a total salary of \$225 a month, and a term of 8 months. Mr. Fox is a graduate of Juniata College, Huntingdon, Pa., and comes well recommended.

From Secretary Stevens' report we get the following facts about the school year just closed: Term, 8 months; paid teachers, including attendance at institute, \$1860; salary of secretary, \$36.37; fees of treasurer, \$67.68; tax collector, \$30.65; auditors, \$12.00; janitor and janitor supplies, \$160.00; fuel, \$194.50; water, \$28.00; text books, \$125.23, school supplies, \$91.19. On the school building debt was paid \$238 interest, and \$500 on the principal, leaving the debt at \$5700. Against that debt the Board starts in the new year with \$884.34 on hand.

To meet this expense the Board received from the State \$1053.40; from the tax collector, \$1336.29; from outside pupils and auditorium rent, \$542.55, and they started in with \$759.51.

Horn Racket Didn't Work.

The Connellsville Courier state that E. M. Hoffman, of that place was fined \$100 and \$5.66 costs by Alderman Fred Munk on a charge of shooting a doe last November in Brush Creek township, this county. Prosecution was entered by Game Warden Charles B. Baum, State Game Protector, and the defendant pleaded guilty.

It was charged that the defendant shot the doe and then secured two large horns, which were fastened to the head, to give the impression that a buck had been shot.

The prosecution was brought after an investigation lasting since last November, when the offense is alleged to have been committed.

Another Booze Victim.

C. H. Richardson, of Baltimore died in the Chambersburg jail on Thursday of last week of alcoholism. A police found him in a bad way at the Western Maryland Railway station in the morning, took him to the jail, and at four o'clock the man died. This was the man who sold medicine Saturday evening July 3rd, at the stone wall at Seylar's Drug store. "Doctor" Richardson was so drunk that evening that he could do little business and the boys took all kinds of liberty with him, upsetting his stand of store boxes, throwing fire crackers and torpedoes at him, and in many ways having fun at his expense. Richardson's body was shipped to Baltimore.

Patterson Resigns.

Mr. J. C. Patterson who had been the efficient Superintendent of Highways of Fulton County during the past three years, has resigned to accept a position with the National Real Estate Company of Washington, D. C. In the resignation of Mr. Patterson, the Highway Department is losing one of its most capable captains. The splendid macadam road on Cove mountain, which was a proposition of no ordinary magnitude, is a splendid monument to Mr. Patterson's ability. If Cam develops the same capability in the real estate game, and he have every reason to believe that he will, he will be a valuable acquisition to that well known organization.

Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, State Commissioner of health, in a circular to all men in charge of family water works and filtration plants, calls upon them to aid in the State work of combatting typhoid fever. The circular urges precautions and the safeguarding of water sheds.

SUICIDE AT NEW GRENADA.

Abraham Hershey Feared Expenses Connected With Wife's Sickness Would Break Him Up.

The citizens of New Grenada were shocked last Thursday morning when the word was passed around that Abram Hershey had hanged himself.

About six weeks or more ago, his wife was stricken with paralysis and became helpless. For her care her physician recommended that a trained nurse be procured. This was done. As time passed on the thought of paying twenty-five dollars a week for the services of the nurse in addition to other bills weighed heavily upon the husband's mind and last Thursday morning, when the nurse stepped into the woodhouse, she was horrified at seeing the lifeless body of Mr. Hershey dangling at the end of a rope attached to one of the stringers. The fact that his body was cold and rigid, when found would indicate that the deed had been committed during the early part of the night. Before leaving the house he had put on a pair of gum boots so that his footsteps might not attract attention as he went to the woodhouse, climbed up to the top of a coal bin, where he fastened the rope—one end around the stringer, the other around his neck, and leaped into eternity.

About four years ago he sold his farm, which was a good one, to Jere Knepper and went to New Grenada, bought a nice property and was living comfortably in retirement. He had no debts, and had some three thousand dollars or more in cash and commercial paper. Besides this, being a veteran of the Civil War he was drawing a pension of \$16 a month, and had he waited less than three months, he would have been at the age when he would have been on the dollar-a-day pension roll.

The funeral took place Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and interment was made in the Winegardner cemetery.

Mr. Hershey was married twice the first time to Miss Sarah Miller. To the first union, three sons and six daughters are living namely, David, and William near Hiram; Hayes, near Dublin Mills; Maggie, wife of Daniel Landers, Taylor township; Rebecca, wife of Robert Martin, Cooks Mills; Lizzie, wife of John Barnett, residing in the West; Louie, wife of Samuel Brown, Saltillio; and Tillie, wife of O.E. Garman Fort Wayne, Ind. His second wife was Mrs. Annie Duffy who survives.

Dogs Kill Cattle.

During the past six weeks, dogs have made life miserable for farmers in the lower end of Ayr township. W. M. Kendall found a steer with its throat cut, Rowe Mellott had a young calf killed, and James Bivins and Houston Johnston each lost several sheep all very plainly the work of a pack of roving dogs. This is not the first instance in the State where dogs pulled down cattle this summer. A good-sized bull was pulled down near Lewistown and but for the interference of farmers, it would have been killed. What kind of dogs have we among us that they attack cattle? They must be related to the coyote.

Harvest Home Picnic.

At a meeting of the Committee, last Saturday evening it was decided to hold the annual Big Cove Harvest Home Picnic in Sloan's Woods on Saturday the 7th of August. There will be one or more speakers from a distance, and, of course, plenty of music by the Band. As to "eatins," it will be a basket picnic; hence the more you bring in your basket, the more you'll have to eat. Let everybody turn out and have a jolly day in the woods.

Native of This County.

A letter from Enoch C. Peck, Kingman, Kans. gives an account of the death of W. C. McFeaters, one of that city's aged and most highly respected citizens, who died on the nineteenth of June. Mr. McFeaters was born in Fulton county, Pennsylvania, May 8, 1842, and he spent his boyhood days among the hills of his native state. He was a son of Samuel and Nancy McFeaters of sturdy Scotch-Irish Presbyterian stock.

During the struggle of the Civil War, he engaged in his country's service, enlisting in Co. D 154th Regiment of Indiana Volunteers.

On January 5th, 1869 he was united in marriage with Mary Jane Aller of Franklin county, Pa., a daughter of George and Annie Aller of Puritan ancestry.

Immediately after their marriage, they went west to carve out their fortune. For 7 years they resided in Missouri after which they went to Kansas where they resided until his death.

He is survived by his aged wife, three children, and ten grand children.

The First Automobile.

With the Editor's consent, I will try to answer a question put to me recently—Who started the first auto? and when? Twenty-three years ago, Elwood Haynes, of Kokomo, Ind., started the first actual construction of the "horseless carriage", the little machine that gave birth to the American automobile industry. The first public appearance of the pioneer car was on July 4, 1894, when it ran about three miles on the country roads near Kokomo, at a rate of six or seven miles an hour. This pioneer car is now in the Smithsonian Institute, Washington, D. C., as a National exhibit. A good many people claim to be wise said at first that the automobile was only a plaything for the rich; but what great things from a little beginning have grown!

JAMES A. STEWART.

Has White Sweet Clover.

David M. Kendall, of Ayr township, like many other farmers, lost much of his clover by freezing out last winter. This spring he thoroughly harrowed a part of one of the bare fields and sowed white sweet clover, and he has now a beautiful stand of this mammoth article. Every time a farmer tries out some of the crops that are comparatively new to this county he adds to the sum total of information for others and paves the way for the younger generation to determine if they shall adopt new crops that may be of greater value than some of the older ones. It has been demonstrated that sweet clover will grow on ground too acid for red clover.

Leg Broken.

"Captain" Morgret in the employ of Miller W. A. Mellott just south of Webster Mills, was taking a load of flour over to Franklin county, Monday, and while descending Cove mountain, something went wrong with the brakes, causing the load to run onto the horses. In attempting to control the team, one of the horses kicked the Captain, breaking one of his legs. He was brought home Monday evening.

Our Railroad.

The News has not been saying anything about the new railroad for a few weeks just because there was not anything new to tell. It takes time to build a railroad. The right-of-way across the mountain has been cleared off; the contractors have a steam shovel at work on the east side of the mountain, and the directors have their regular weekly meetings. The News has no disposition to keep ahead of the game, and when there are any developments that make interesting reading, they will be served promptly.

A Menace to Society.

While a very large majority of the locomotive engineers of the principal railroads of the country are men who do not "touch, taste nor handle" intoxicating liquors, the Companies have found it necessary to make it a condition that no engineer should have charge of an engine who used intoxicating drinks. This ruling meets the hearty approval of every citizen in the country, for even the most pronounced liquor man does not want to ride in a train behind a drunken engineer. Now, if public safety demands that restriction in locomotive engineers, should it not insist upon the same condition in automobile "engineers." No man should be permitted to go out on the road with a machine whose brain is befuddled with booze. Just last week an automobile party stopped in McConnellsburg, and their condition and conduct was such as to attract unfavorable attention, and after having tanked up at the bar—both men and women—they placed a generous supply of beer in the automobile and started westward. Before they reached the top of the Allegheny mountain a telegraph pole stepped out in front of the machine wrecking it and injuring the occupants so seriously that at last account one of the women was dying in a hospital.

Recent Weddings.

BRODBECK—BLACK.

Mr. Eldon Brodbeck and Miss Elva Black were married in Huntingdon Thursday, July 1, 1915.

The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Brodbeck, of Three Springs and the bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob S. Black, of New Grenada, this county. Following the marriage ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Brodbeck returned to the home of the bride where a reception was tendered them, attended by members of the immediate families. The happy couple have the best wishes of a wide circle of friends.

DESHONG—DECKER.

Mr. Alvie McClellan Deshong, son of U. S. and Amanda Deshong, of Pleasant Ridge, and Miss Regina R. Decker, daughter of H. W. and Henrietta Decker, of McConnellsburg, were married last Sunday.

Some Trip.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Little and Miss Lillian Brewer, and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Grissinger, left town in Davy's Crow car about ten o'clock last Sunday morning for a little run up to Bedford Springs. They were so much pleased with the trip when they reached the Springs that they continued their journey until they reached Cumberland. After resting awhile in that city, they hit the old National pike, went to Hagerstown stopping awhile at Hancock and Clearspring, and from Hagerstown they came home via Greencastle, making a continuous run of more than 180 miles. Of course they had to light the head lamps before they reached home Sunday night.

Grandma Michaels.

Mrs. Eliza Michaels and her daughter Miss Alice, of Everett, are spending this week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Hays, west Lincoln Way. Mrs. Michaels is Mrs. Hay's mother and the widow of Samuel Michaels, the second sheriff of Fulton county, he serving from 1853 to 1856. If Mrs. Michaels lives until November she will be 93 years of age. She made the trip over from Everett in an automobile last Saturday and stood the trip like a 4-year-old. Her memory is as clear as a bell, and she possesses a fund of information about events that transpired long before most of the present generation were born.

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CHANGE OF ENVIRONMENT.

Little Talks on Health and Hygiene by Samuel G. Dixon, M. D., LL. D., Commissioner of Health.

The majority of people who are occupied for fifty weeks out of the year should seek in the remaining two to find, not necessarily rest, but a change of environment.

The man who has struggled through the crowded streets of a city, ridden on packed trolley cars and railroad trains for many months on end should make his way to the quiet country side, the camp in the woods or some spot equally free from the press of humanity.

The man who lives in the country or small town may find a corresponding benefit from a week or more spent amid the rush and turmoil of the city. Each of these widely varying environments holds the possibility of affording a mental stimulus to those who are unfamiliar with their moods.

The mind no less than the body needs refreshments and change. It needs the stimulation of new ideas. It is more difficult to acquire this in our ordinary surroundings than where everything is strange and unusual and the mind is stirred to activity. It is out of the question for the man who maintains his regular routine day in and day out to continue to put into his work the same vigor.

We can become over developed along one line mentally just as readily as physically and the results may even more seriously affect our welfare.

If in seeking for a change we encounter surroundings, which owing to unfamiliarity, are not agreeable, in the long run we profit. If in no other way, at least they make our own daily round seem more acceptable by contrast.

So plan your vacation that it will bring you to realize afresh how multifarious and interesting are the activities of mankind or how soothing to the weary mind are Mother Nature's marvels.

Get Ready For It.

Few towns in the State have better local talent for rendering a play than McConnellsburg, and an announcement that one will be given, means a full and appreciative house. This one will be given in the auditorium by the Young Men's Bible Class of the M. E. church, on Friday evening, July 23rd. The title of the play "Brother Josiah" will at once suggest fun—fun without foolishness, and the play will cover a period of two hours with eleven characters. Keep the date in mind, for you just don't want to miss it.

Reserved Seats 30 cents; General Admission, 25 cents, and Children 15 cents.

For Better Street.

Chief Burgess L. W. Seylar and J. K. Johnston went to Harrisburg on Tuesday to see Highway Commissioner Cunningham about repairing that part of the Lincoln Highway inside the borough limits of McConnellsburg over which there is a controversy as to whether the Borough or the State should keep up that portion of the road. Cunningham said he would be here to-morrow, and the matter will be jointly considered by the Council and Mr. Cunningham. Mr. Seylar went on to Philadelphia on private business.

Straw Ride.

Mr. B. W. Logue took about thirty members of the Epworth League of the M. E. church a straw ride to the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. James McQuade near Knobsville, Tuesday evening. That the young people had a jolly time goes without saying, and when the ice cream and cake were served everybody had an appetite.